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Re Patent Application of:
Stephen O'Rourke et al.

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For: LOW POLARITY DIMERATE AND
TRIMERATE ESTERS AS PLASTICIZERS
FOR ELASTOMERS

Examiner: U. K. Rajguru

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2005, enclosed is a proper terminal disclaimer to overcome the double patenting rejections based on this assignees U.S. Patent No. 6,858,664 and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/360,294.

It is submitted that the claims are now of proper form and scope for allowance. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-26 stand provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-26 of co-pending application No. 10/360,294. For the following reasons it is submitted that this rejection should be withdrawn or converted to an obviousness-type double patenting rejection.